

# Introduction to CIMA Qualification

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## What does CIMA stand for?

CIMA stands for Chartered Institute of Management Accounting.

CIMA have recently merged with AICPA (American Institute of Chartered Public Accountants) however the UK title CIMA will remain.

## How many CIMA papers are there?

Currently, there are sixteen [exams](#) and students are required to pass or gain exemptions from all of these. **These are listed below:**

### Certificate Level: Business Accounting (BA Cert)

- BA1 Fundamentals of Business Economics
- BA2 Fundamentals of Management Accounting
- BA3 Fundamentals of Financial Accounting
- BA4 Fundamentals of Ethics, Corp. Gov & Law

Papers BA1 to BA4 must be completed before moving onto operational level.

Those with accounting degrees or AAT level 4 qualification are likely to be exempt from this level

We do not offer taught courses for BA papers at CSSC Tuition –however, we provide a semi-structured distance learning programme for those who are required to join CIMA via this route.

### Operational Level Modules

- P1 Management Accounting
- F1 Financial Reporting & Taxation
- E1 Organisational Management

Papers P1, F1 and E1 can be taken in ANY order (providing you have fully completed or gained exemption from BA cert level)

These are examined in objective test format – Booked On Demand  
CSSC Tuition offers taught courses of 12 weeks in length for each of these subjects. Courses begin in January, April and September each year

Operational Case Study

Once operational papers P1, F1 and E1 are completed the next assessment is a case-study style exam based on a pre-seen fictional company and drawing on knowledge gained at operational level as well as business acumen and real-life experiences.  
CSSC Tuition run case-study workshops on Saturdays subject to viable group sizes

### Management Level

- P2 Advanced Management Accounting
- F2 Advanced Financial Reporting
- E2 Project & Relationship Management

Similar to operational level equivalents, papers P2, F2 and E2 can be taken in ANY order.

They are examined in objective test format – Booked On Demand

CSSC Tuition offers taught courses of 12 weeks in length for each of these subjects. Courses begin in January, April and September each year

Management Case Study

All management objective test subjects must be passed before students are eligible to sit the management level case study. This is also based on a pre-seen fictional business scenario but requires higher level of technical skill which is gained during management level courses (P2, F2,E2)

### Strategic Level

- P3 Risk Management
- F3 Financial Strategy
- E3 Strategic Management

The final stage in the CIMA qualification involves strategic level objective test papers P3, F3 and E3 followed by Strategic level case study

Strategic Level Case Study

## How do I register as a student with CIMA?

To be eligible to sit CIMA exams you must [register as a CIMA student](#) via CIMA website. This needs to be done before or shortly after joining our tuition program.

Every year following registration – there is also an [annual subscription](#) payable to CIMA that is required to keep your student membership status active.

## Can I get CIMA exemptions?

Depending on your previous qualifications, you may be entitled to exemptions from some CIMA exams. Use the [Exemptions Checker](#) to determine if you can apply for these based on prior learning.

Exemptions allow you to progress by ‘exempting’ you from having to study certain subjects. There is a one-off fee payable to CIMA for each exemption earned. This fee is equivalent to the exam fee relating to the exempted subject.

## What are the CIMA exam pass rates?

CIMA exam global [pass rates](#) vary from paper to paper and fluctuate over time. These are designed to be high level qualifications so pass rates show the technical difficulty involved.

★ *CSSC Tuition course pass rates have exceeded global pass rates in all subjects to date!* ★

## How much are CIMA exam fees?

Exam fees vary depending on the level of the exam being taken. The fees are paid online directly to CIMA. Go to the [CIMA Fees and Charges](#) page and select your country to see the exam fee that relates to each paper.

## What are the CIMA exam entry dates?

CIMA objective test exams are taken at a date that suits you. The objective tests are held at the local Pearson Vue centre in Hanley Stoke on Trent ( and other UK national locations). However, to be in line with CSSC course schedule we have suggested ‘exam date windows’ which follow the end of each objective test course.

Case Study exams are not on-demand but instead are held four times per year in February, May, August and November. These must be booked in advance and have a exam entry closing date related to each.

More details on booking exams can be found on [CIMA exam's page](#).

## Will I have to withdraw from the CSSC Tuition CIMA Program if I don't pass my exam in time for the next course.

The CSSC Tuition CIMA program runs courses in sequence and allows for a couple of weeks after each course for students to revise and sit their exam.

Ideally, students will have passed the exam from the previous course before moving onto the next course with us – however, this is not mandatory and occasionally students will carry a re-sit paper with them on to the next course with the aim of completing both exams during the course period.

## What is the cost of pursuing the CIMA qualification?

The costs will be the initial cost of student registration + cost of exemptions claimed ( if applicable). Following this there is an annual subscription payable. In addition to these fees there are the course fees and book costs as well as exam entry fee for each exam. The course fees and books are paid to CSSC Tuition – all other costs are payable to CIMA directly.

## Are there any other requirements to becoming a CIMA qualified member- apart from passing the exams ?

Yes. To be eligible for full qualification and membership CIMA students must satisfy the [Practical Experience Requirement](#)

## How can CSSC Tuition help me to gain CIMA qualification?

- At CSSC Tuition we offer courses (**distance learning or taught sessions**) for all CIMA papers starting from **BA certificate and upwards**. Our aim is that our students can complete the entire CIMA qualification with us. CSSC Tuition have many former CIMA students who are now successfully affiliated and employed in senior financial positions across the country.
- We can offer free guidance on getting started with CIMA or progression advice. We can also discuss or feedback progress to sponsoring employers (assuming your consent has been obtained) – if employers require this information please request during enrolment.
- Our courses are competitively priced and we offer a range of weekend and evening sessions – as well as unlimited out-of-house email support and a choice of contact level for distance learning programs.
- CSSC Tuition provide approved learning materials which are offered to students at prices heavily discounted from RRP.

### In addition to all this we are proud to offer:

**Fully qualified & experienced specialist tutors.**

**Small class sizes**

**Friendly & approachable staff**

**Free parking**

**Expertly written class notes & revision resources**

**Free revision and mock exam (included in course fee).**

**Out-of-hours support**

Please contact us for a timetable and further discussion at [info@cssctuition.co.uk](mailto:info@cssctuition.co.uk)

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